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### Highlight of the week

This week, the Eco team delivered exciting informative presentations to the Year 2 classrooms to spread a very important message on how we can work together to save the environment.



In order to support the Year 2 children with their letter writing about conservation, the Eco team explained many useful ways we can conserve energy in and out of the classroom. Do you make sure the lights are turned off when you leave a room?

### Year 4 Study the Rainforest at Kew

On Wednesday, Year 4 trekked across London to visit Kew Gardens. The trip was timed to hook the children into their new Humanities unit 'The Amazon' and the children took part in workshops about the differences between the rainforest and our environment.



Daniel (Hackney Wick) said, 'I liked using the equipment to measure the humidity and soil moisture. I noticed that all the leaves were really enormous – I couldn't believe it!'



### Forthcoming Events

**Year 2 Trip**  
On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Year 2 are going on a trip to the River Lea at the Olympic Park.



**Mental Health Week**  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February marks the start of Mental Health Week, where we will carry out art projects to promote self-esteem and positive world-views.

**Level 1 Cycle Training**  
On February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, Years 3 and 4 will receive Level 1 Cycle Training in school.

**Fairplay House**  
There are still some places for the Year 5 residential trip to Fairplay House (26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February).



Congratulations to Hampstead Heath class with 99.2% attendance.

A very well done to Angel class with 98.3% attendance.





## Views on the News



This week, I thoroughly enjoyed reading an article called, '**Are boys and girls treated the same?**' Which was based on gender quality. I was drawn to this article because its title was very dominant on the front page of the newspaper and it's a question that crosses my mind on a daily basis, in school and at home. There are many eye-opening statistics and quotes inside the article which gave me an insight into how boys and girls feel about this matter.



When I joined a Cheerleading club, the immediate response I got was, 'But, you're not a girl!' However, I joined the club to show my strength through lifts and gymnastics and I think it's very important for everyone to understand and to know that girls and boys should always have equal opportunities for everything!

Written by Bilol Khomidov, London Bridge.

## Brilliant Bird Feeders!



This week, the green-fingered gardeners braved the cold temperatures and worked together to create superb and creative bird feeders, using apples and a variety of seeds to hang around Portway's gardens – what a fantastic contribution to building animal diversity in and around Portway.

"I didn't realise it was so easy to create a bird-feeder and I will definitely be making more for my own back garden!" Olivia, London Bridge



## Stay Safe Online



Last week, we learned that 1 in 4 children have experienced something upsetting online.

This week's fact:

There were over **12,000** counselling sessions with young people who talked to Childline about online issues last year



**Please talk with your children about staying safe online.**



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